6. (Amended) An interface device as claimed in claim 1 wherein one of the first and second interfaces is suitable for connection to a host such that the data format utilised by such a connected interface is one utilised by the host.

7. (Amended) An interface device as claimed in claim 5 wherein one of the first and second interfaces is suitable for connection to a host such that the data format utilised by such a connected interface is one utilised by the host in which, in response to receiving at least one control packet including at least an item of control identification data and control instructions through the interface not connected to the host and reading said item of control identification data from a control packet, said processing means is arranged to change said rules in said store in dependence upon said corresponding control instructions.

11. (Amended) A method of operating an interface device as claimed in claim 9 further comprising transforming the data format of said received data from said first zone at least twice prior to said processing.